WASHINGTON as viewed by YOUR SENATOR

A. WILLIS ROBERTSON

Although the Senate Finance Committee technically reported the General Tax Revision bill to the Senate on Friday, June 18, it was not until last week that the Committee's 627 page report was made available to other members of the Senate.

This report is an explanation of the changes proposed by the Committee in the bill titled "Internal Revenue Code of 1954" which was passed by the House of Representatives. The bill containing the text of the Senate Committee changes is itself a document of 431 pages. The House bill was 820 pages long and the report of the House Ways and Means Committee explaining it was a document of 577 pages. The House Committee based its bill on staff studies and on hearings conducted last year at which 2916 pages of testimony was recorded. The Senate Committee hearings this year added another 2443 pages or testimony.

Anyone at all acquainted with tax laws knows that even a short tax bill or discussion of tax revision is difficult reading. Anyone familiar with Congressional proceedings realizes that it is impossible for each member to acquaint himself with the details of all proposed legislation and that reliance must be placed, to a large extent, on those assigned to the various committees who become specialists in a particular field and who can then advise other members concerning it.

I was not surprised, therefore, to hear from several members of the House of Representatives after it had passed the tax bill on March 18 that they had only the vaguest idea as to the content and the probable effect of this bill which is the first comprehensive revision of the internal revenue laws undertaken in more than fifty years and also the first since enactment of the income tax. I was concerned, however, when members of the House Committee on Ways and Means told me that many vital portions of the bill were approved by the Committee after only the briefest discussion, recalling the lengthy consideration to every substantial change proposed in the tax laws we gave when I was a member of the Committee. The bill was considered in the House under a "gag" rule, prohibiting all amendments. Therefore, it was just the Committee bill that was sent us from the House. Now the Senate Committee takes 627 pages to explain what it regards as errors made by the House Committee. I was not surprised, therefore, that Senator Byrd, in consenting to the report of that Committee, of which he is a member, reserved the right to oppose parts of the bill.

So far as I am concerned, I feel that final passage of this revised Internal Revenue Code in the short period remaining for this session of the Congress is too much of an act of faith to ask of members, even though, as I do, they have high regard for the abilities of members of the House and Senate Committees which handled the bill. In justice to those Committee members as well as the millions of people subject to our internal revenue laws, I believe it would be far better to study the provisions of the bill further and consider it for action again next year, merely continuing for another year the present rates on corporations.

My conviction on this point is strengthened by the fact that already this year three steps have been taken to give tax relief amounting to $5.6 billion during the next fiscal year by dropping the excess profit tax on business, reducing individual income taxes and cutting various excise taxes. The additional cuts in the tax revision bill amounting to $1.5 billion can well wait for another year, by which time we may be closer to a balanced budget — or to war (who knows?). We face a large deficit and if we reduce revenue an additional $1.5 billion we will have to borrow an equivalent amount and pay interest on it indefinitely.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year payable in advance.

FURNACE OIL
TEXACO
No. 1 Dial 3421 No. 2
APPOMATTOX OIL COMPANY

Chick Chats

Chickens Should Be Kept Cool

The coming of hot summer days can mean poultry death losses and a drop in egg production unless some effort is made to help the flock "beat the heat." By observing a few simple management rules you can do much to help keep chickens cool.

One of the most important practices is to give the chicks plenty of water. Since chickens cannot sweat, most of the moisture they give off is in their breath. The more water they can drink, the cooler they will be.

Birds not only need more water but they should have more places to drink. Some producers set out extra tubs and buckets of water since birds will pile up around regular fountains, making it difficult for others to drink.

Everything possible should be done to help ventilate the poultry house. Doors and windows should be kept open. It may be wise to remove the windows. Air should be let in from all sides of the building to provide cross ventilation.

Some poultry houses have openings along the sides which are covered with wire netting and can be covered with feed sacks on cold nights. A panel hinged to the wall can be used to close openings.

Insulation keeps out winter cold and will also keep out summer heat. For hot weather, insulation underneath the roof is more valuable than in the walls.

Light colors reflect light and heat whereas dark colors absorb them. So it is a good idea to paint your hen house or range shelter a light color. Aluminum paint, white paint or whitewash makes a good covering for poultry houses.

Some poultrymen sprinkle the roof of the building with water on hot days. An old garden hose or plastic pipe in which holes are punched can be placed along the top of the roof to provide a handy sprinkler.

The type of floor and litter makes a difference in keeping a building cool. Concrete floors are good if insulated so as not to conduct heat. Dirt floors should be 6 inches higher than outside ground level. Old built-up litter has a tendency to generate heat. Many poultrymen favor new litter in summer.

Birds on the range should have plenty of shade. Take advantage of available shade by placing shelters near trees. Overhanging roofs on range shelters give extra shade. It may be necessary to stick some posts in the ground and stretch wire netting across the top. Branches, straw or grass on top of the netting will give good protection from the sun.

PEACH CROP ESTIMATED AT 1,500,000 BUSHELS; APPLE FORECAST GIVEN

Virginia's peach crop this year is estimated at 1,500,000 bushels, despite a freak cold spell in early April which reduced the crop in the Crozet - Charlottesville area to 25% of a crop.

VPI horticulturists say southern Piedmont, Roanoke, and Shenandoah Valley areas have an excellent crop. Peaches are of good size and quality. Growers anticipate the crop will ripen in normal season.

Hail injury to apples was reported in most sections. The snowball blooms was followed by a heavy drop. The crop is now estimated at 10,000,000 bushels. Both red and golden Delicious are heavy, and the largest crop on record in Virginia of those two varieties is expected. The crop of Yorks looks better than it did earlier, and Staymens are medium to light set in most sections. Winesaps vary, but the total crop is expected to be more than last year. Jonathans and Grimes are set heavy. Romes are good—about the same as the 1952 crop.

With some exceptions, the crop is clean and unusually well spaced. Fireblight is more serious than for several years. There is some question as to whether apples in Virginia are ahead of last year in development. Most growers feel that harvest dates will be normal, or a few days ahead.

2,4-D INJURY COMMON IN STATE

People just seem to go on doing the same thing.

For instance, every year at VPI many samples of plants are sent in which don't have any horrible disease, but which are simply injured because you gardeners has used a sprayer to spray them which has been used to spray weeds with 2,4-D or more especially 2,4,5-T.

All you need to do to prevent this sort of injury is to use a different sprayer for 2,4-D than you do for anything else.

John Amas, Extension specialist at VPI, warns that it is almost impossible to remove 2,4-D from the sprayer. It's especially dangerous to use the same sprayer to apply chemicals to very sensitive plants such as tomatoes, grapes, tobacco, cotton, beans, melons, and cucumbers. Peas and eggplants also are easily injured. Motto—get a sprayer for spraying weeds and mark it as such.

Phone 2811 with Personals.

Takes Stand for Improved Deal for Farmers

John Vance, tobacco farmer from Amelia, was unaimously elected president of the Virginia Farmers Union at the organization's constitutional convention held last week in Richmond.

Some 250 delegates and members representing more than four dozen counties named A. F. Bottomley, of Woodlawn, vice - president, and Bruce Settle, of Alberta, chairman of the organization's executive committee.

The delegates, representing more than 5,000 Virginia farm families, adopted a program calling for "100 per cent of parity farm income, with at least 100 per cent of parity farm prices," and recommended at least "90 per cent of parity price supports" for all basic farm commodities now supported plus milk and butterfat, beef cattle, poultry, lambs and wool.

Calling for the continued use of crop planting and marketing restrictions, the program stated its members were "materially opposed to price support schemes such as the sliding scale, flexible supports, variable supports, two price systems, or any other similar type of 'rubber crutches.'"

The program requested an expanded use of U. S. - owned food supplies in the school lunch program; to relieve distress caused by unemployment; and to implement and bolster the foregn policy of the U. S.

Alexander Hudgins, executive chairman of the state association of electric cooperatives, warmly complimented the organization on its program. He said he was "sick and tired of seeing programs handed down to farmers from the top. Your organization does not do this."

The Farmers Union's national president, James G. Patton, addressing the convention on the second day, urged delegates "to fill the leadership vacuum that exists in the agricultural circles of your state." Patton went on to caution that "attacks on your organization will increase in frequency and viciousness as your influence increases" but that these attacks "are the desperate measures of desperate men."

Patton also flatly predicted that "90 per cent of parity price supports will pass the House of Representatives" because more and more Congressmen are realizing the importance of a prosperous agriculture to the rest of the economy and "second, because it's an election year."

He said: "Farmers .. not only in the south, but everywhere .. are growing desperately weary of the false promises and do-nothing attitudes of this administration's targ along farm organizations. They are searching for real leadership.. leadership which will act in the interests of farmers themselves and not in the interest of the commodity specialators or processors. Such leadership is offered by the Farmers Union."

L. B. Dietrick, dean of agriculture at VPI and director of extension, addressed the convention on its second day, calling for "closer cooperation between industrial society and agriculture." Pointing out that agriculture was receiving the lowest share of the nation's income since 1932, Dietrick did not predict what kind of farm program will come out of this congress, but .. like from out that plan is an

PLUMBI
SALES—SERV
Contracto
R. L. BUNC
Dial 3741 — Appo
DITCH DIGGING
Septic Tan
All Types Ditc

WHEN YOU "WRITE" MONEY IT'S THE RIGHT MONEY

FOR SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, RECORDS...

Open a checking account with us... safeguard your cash in the bank... release it with a stroke of your pen. Paying by check is convenient. Try it, and see for yourself.

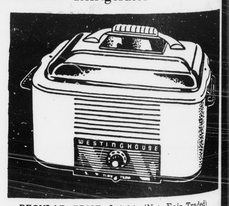
The Bank of Appomattox
Appomattox, Virginia
Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Big New 1954 Bargain!

Westinghouse FAMILY SIZE REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER

...of course, it's electric!

FREE This 43.94 Roaster Oven with Purchase of this Westinghouse Refrigerator



REGULAR PRICE $43.94 (Not Fair Traded)

Sized Right! Priced Right! Just Right for Your Kitchen!

GIANT FREEZER PLUS STORAGE TRAY
hold 56 lbs. of frozen foods and ice.

HUMIDRAWER
keeps nearly ⅗ bu. vegetables fresh!

BONUS BOTTLE SPACE
holds 12 qts.; gallon containers, too.

SHELVES-IN-DOOR
for eggs, bottles, packages, cartons.

Other Westinghouse Refrigerators as low as $199.95

COME IN! SEE IT TODAY!

MODEL DG-9
268.23

YOU CAN BE SURE...IF IT'S Westinghouse

POE HARDWARE CO.
PHONE 2612

No. 26 of a Series

Appomattox is Proud to Fly the Flag on Independence Day . . .

One hundred and seventy-eight years ago, the Cause of Freedom was new and untried. Today we, here in the United States accept Freedom as our birthright. As illustrated to the left, an American is free to choose the work and business he likes in a Free Enterprise System . . . . is free to own his own home and personal property . . . . to voice his beliefs . . . . to worship in a church of his choice. Since the turbulent, heroic days of *1776* the wonderful dream of our forefathers has indeed been fulfilled.

On July Fourth, 1954, the world looks to America for leadership. Our country stands as a symbol of the rights of mankind . . . . rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. These things are Our Heritage . . . . the World's Dream!

In 1776, the *Minute Men of the Revolution* led us to Independence. Today, the Nation still needs Minute Men of the American Way of Life, or else we may lose our democratic heritage, our honor, freedom, and our very lives. We must not forget, or betray the hope of Liberty that burns in the hearts of mankind.

So America must be Strong . . . . strong in material things and also strong in the *Spirit of '76*. We believe that a wonderful way to keep America strong is to keep it strong at the grassroots level . . . . in the home . . . . in the church . . . . the school . . . . the life and activity of the home - town community. You are working to make America strong when you work to build up the welfare and the economy of your home town and trade area. Each American community must be a citadel of sound economy and a fortress of Free Enterprise. So: celebrate a "safe and sane Fourth" . . safe in the security and the enterprise of its citizens and sane in devotion to fundamental American Creeds.

When you join hands to make *Appomattox Strong* you are contributing to *make America Strong* . . . . *the Modern Minute Men of Freedom!*

This Community Message Sponsored by the follow ing "Growing With Appomattox" firms and institu tions, as a public service

J. E. Jamerson & Sons
Building Materials
Paint — Blocks — Woodwork
Cement, etc.
Dial 2673 Appomattox, Va.

Bank of Appomattox
Ideals Create Real Values
Member F. D. I. C.
Dial 2421

J. E. Sears & Co., Inc.
Manufacturers & Dealers in
BUILDING MATERIAL
Appomattox Dial 2891
Lynchburg Branch Dial 2-3409
"Everything to build Anything"

Grinels Motor Co.
Ford Sales & Service
Dial Appomattox 2121

Garst & Jamerson
Wood, Lumber and Ties
Dial 2451

Appomattox Telephone Co.
Growing With and Serving the Appomattox Area

Farmers National Bank
Member F. D. I. C.
Member Federal Reserve
Dial 3001

Appomattox Hardware Co., Inc.
Dial 3131
A complete line of Hardware
Appliances - Plumbing - Housewares

Appomattox Truck & Tractor
Incorporated
Your International-Harvester Dealer
Dial 3911 Route 460
Complete Farm Equipment

Appomattox Oil Company
C. Lewis McDearmon — Dial 3421
Distributor TEXACO *Products*
Tires & Accessories

Coleman's Feed & Seed Store
Your Southern States Dealer
Dial 3663 Appomattox, Va.

Pulliam Motor Sales
Ford Tractor Sales & Service
Dial Appomattox 3662

Virginia Novelty Co., Inc.
Appomattox, Virginia

Moses Motor Co.
Chevrolet & Oldsmobile
Minneapolis-Moline Tractors and
All Farm Equipment
Sales and Service That Satisfies
Dial 3773

Poe Hardware Co.
Hardware & Electrical Supplies
Dial 2612

Richard D. Robinson
Ambulance Service
Dial 3331 or 2231
Appomattox, Virginia